

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A computer system comprising:
 - a processor for operating a software application in the computer system;
 - the software application providing for creation, storage, and retrieval of a file, the file having ~~a corresponding~~ an associated profile that specifies parameters associated with an instance of the file that the used by the software application uses for at least the purpose of preparing the software application to display the file upon its retrieval by the software application;
 - a plurality of storage media that are communicatively coupled to the processor;
 - and
 - a storage management module that distributes stored files and ~~their accompanying~~ associated profiles among the plurality of storage media according to predetermined patterns, one of such predetermined patterns being separate storage of a file and the file's corresponding profile.
2. (original) The computer system of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of storage media is located locally.
3. (original) The computer system of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of storage media is located remotely.
4. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 1 wherein the separate storage by the storage management module is configured to provide more rapid retrieval of the ~~application-specific~~ profile than of the file associated with the ~~application-specific~~ profile.

5. (original) The computer system of claim 1 wherein the profiles that are stored among the plurality of storage media comprise different profiles for different versions of a corresponding file.

6. (original) The computer system of claim 1 wherein the storage management module provides concurrent access of the profile and the file.

7. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 1 wherein the profile is retrieved prior to the file and ~~sets up~~ configures the software application in preparation for receipt of the file.

8. (currently amended) An application specific profile storage and retrieval system comprising:

a software application that creates a first instance of a files, the file instance being with corresponding associated with a profiles specific to the software application, the application specific profile specifying parameters associated with the instance of the file and each of the files that are created, the software application being operable by a processor;

a plurality of storage media that are selectively used by ~~the~~ a processor to store the application specific profiles separately from the files; and

a storage management module operable by the processor that manages storage of the application specific profiles and the files such that application specific profiles may be retrieved separately from the corresponding file ~~itself~~.

9. (original) The application specific profile storage and retrieval system of claim 8 wherein at least one of the plurality of storage media is located locally.

10. (original) The application specific profile storage and retrieval system of claim 8 wherein at least one of the plurality of storage media is located remotely.

11. (original) The application specific profile storage and retrieval system of claim 8 wherein the separate storage by the storage management module is configured to provide more rapid retrieval of the application specific profile than of the file associated with the application specific profile.

12. (currently amended) The application specific profile storage and retrieval system of claim 8 wherein the profiles that are stored among the plurality of storage media comprise different profiles for different versions of ~~a corresponding~~ an associated file.

13. (original) The application specific profile storage and retrieval system of claim 8 wherein the storage management module provides concurrent access of the profile and the file.

14. (original) The application specific profile storage and retrieval system of claim 8 wherein the profile is retrieved prior to the file and sets up the software application in preparation for receipt of the file.

15. (currently amended) A method for storage and retrieval in a computer system comprising:

~~creating a file with~~ using a software application to create a first instance of a file
~~and that creates a corresponding profile that accompanies~~ that specifies file parameters
~~associated with the file instance and is associated with~~ the file instance with each access
of the file instance, a new profile being created at least each time the file is saved that
includes parameters specific to that particular instance;

sending the file, with the software application, to a storage management module
that manages storage of the file with ~~its accompanying~~ the associated profile;

storing the file and ~~its accompanying~~ the associated profile to separate storage
locations in the computer system;

requesting ~~for~~ the retrieval of the file with the software application such that the
storage management module retrieves the file ~~with its accompanying~~ and the associated

profile as though the file and ~~its accompanying~~ the associated profile were located in a single position; and

formatting the software application in accordance with the parameters specified in the profile with the retrieved profile prior to display of the file with the software application.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the software application is selected from the group consisting of a word processor, an engineering graphics program, a standard graphics program, a database, and a web browser.

17. (original) The method of claim 15 wherein a different profile is stored with the storage of each version of the file as the file is created.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the storage management module distributes different files and ~~versions of those files~~ and file versions in a first set of storage media and stores different profiles for each of the files and version of those files in a second set of storage media.